2021 Annual Report
History of HIECC

The northern regions concept and the establishment of the Northern Regions Center

The northern regions concept was first introduced in 1971 in the Third-term Hokkaido Comprehensive Development Plan (–1977), a long-term road map for the development of Hokkaido. This concept aimed to improve Hokkaido’s industrial economy, the lives of Hokkaido residents and its culture and advance local development suitable to the northern region through exchanges with the United States, Canada and Northern European countries with highly developed cultures in the same snowy cold climate as that of Hokkaido. As a body to promote this concept, the Northern Regions Research Council was established along with the aforementioned comprehensive development plan. The council was approved as an incorporated body in January 1972, and the Northern Regions Information Center was also established in November 1976. These organizations were developmentally reorganized, and the Northern Regions Center (NRC) was launched in April 1978. NRC developed wide exchange activities that focus on northern regions as a unique international organization with think tank, data bank and exchange functions. In July of the same year, the Northern Regions Exchange Foundation was also established to provide financial support to private exchange programs with northern regions.

During the ordinary General Assembly meeting in May 2011, the proposal to revise its articles of corporation for the transition into a public interest incorporated association was approved, and the Northern Regions Center transitioned into such an association on August 1 of the same year, with the approval of the Hokkaido Governor. The name of the Northern Regions Center was also changed to the Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center (HIECC for short).

Currently, HIECC is actively developing its programs to realize a rich, vigorous regional society through international exchanges and cooperation with countries around the world, while fulfilling its social responsibility as a public interest incorporated association.

Expansion of international exchange and cooperation activities

The marked progress of globalization from the 1990s onward further intensified interdependent relationships in the international community, and raised expectations for international cooperation in local communities. While maintaining existing relationships with northern countries, NRC also partly revised its articles of incorporation in June 1995 to expand the scope of its activities to other regions. In line with this revision, NRC was entrusted, in April 1996, with the management and operation of Hokkaido International Centers (Sapporo, Obihiro), which were established by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to accept technical trainees from developing countries. NRC also took charge of the Hokkaido Government’s project to accept technical trainees. In March 1998, NRC was recognized as a Local International Exchange Association (one organization for each prefecture or government-designated city) by the Ministry of Home Affairs (the present Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications) to assume a comprehensive and important role in international exchange/cooperation in Hokkaido. NRC incorporated the Hokkaido International Exchange Center for Youth and Women in April 1998, the Hokkaido Overseas Association in July 2006 and the North Pacific Region Advanced Research Center (NORPAC) in April 2010. To help increase the number of foreign workers, the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center was also established in August 2019. It is entrusted by the Hokkaido Government as a Multicultural General Information Consultation One-stop Center for Foreigners to obtain the necessary information, and have consultations, on immigration procedures and various matters relating to living, including employment, etc.

As a comprehensive center for international activities

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of its foundation in April of 2008, NRC established a committee to consider the future direction of NRC. The committee then compiled a report on future goals and activities in response to current demands to position NRC as a comprehensive center for international activities in Hokkaido.

In the ordinary General Assembly meeting in May 2010, the Northern Regions Exchange Foundation was changed into the International Exchange Foundation to expand the target areas of exchange programs eligible for financial support from northern regions to the entire world. In addition, a member system for students was newly established to expand the membership.

In 2018, to commemorate its 40th anniversary, HIECC hosted various kinds of memorial events, including lectures on international understanding, symposiums and concerts.

| History |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Apr. 1971:      | Northern Regions Research Council established |
| Jan. 1972:      | Approved as an incorporated body by the Prime Minister |
| Apr. 1978:      | Reorganized into the Northern Regions Center |
| Apr. 1996:      | Entrusted with the management and operation of Hokkaido International Centers |
| Mar. 1998:      | Recognized as a Local International Exchange Association by the Minister of Home Affairs |
| Apr. 1998:      | Incorporates the Hokkaido International Exchange Center for Youth and Women |
| Jul. 2004:      | Incorporates the Northern Regions Exchange Foundation |
| Jul. 2006:      | Incorporates the Hokkaido Overseas Association |
| Apr. 2010:      | Takes over the operations of the North Pacific Region Advanced Research Center |
| Aug. 2011:      | Transitions into a public interest incorporated association and changes its name to the Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center |
| Aug. 2019:      | Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center established |
Organization

HIECC is a public interest corporation consisting of 575 corporate and individual members as of March 31, 2021, and has a General Assembly consisting of members and a Board of Directors consisting of directors selected by the General Assembly.

President (Representative Director), Vice Presidents and Senior Director (Executive Director) are selected by the Board of Directors. In the system to execute the operations of HIECC, the President controls the operations as a representative of HIECC and the Senior Director takes his/her share of the operations and executes it.

The Secretariat, which is set as an organization that executes operations, has three divisions – the Administrative, Exchange and Cooperation as well as Planning and Information divisions, and the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center belongs to the Exchange and Cooperation Division.

International Exchange Salon
This salon provides materials relating to international exchange/cooperation bodies in Hokkaido and elsewhere. Commemorative gifts from overseas visitors are also exhibited.

The International Exchange Salon is connected to the entrance of the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center.

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(As of August 1, 2021)

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Yasunori Obata  Speaker, Hokkaido Legislative Assembly
Kotaro Yamaguchi  President, Hokkaido Association of City Mayors
Takao Tanano  President, Hokkaido Association of Towns and Villages
Yoshiro Ito  Director-general, United Nations Association of Japan, Hokkaido Head Office

Executive Officers
President
Yasuhiro Tsuji  Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center

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Ryu Shibata  Executive Officer, North Pacific Bank, Ltd.

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Kenichi Takehana  Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center

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Seiyouki Sato  Executive Director, Hokkaido Tourism Organization
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Takashi Yokoyama  President, Hokkaido Sweden Society

Auditors
Keiichi Ueda  Ueda Keiichi Certified Public Accountant Office
Mizuhiro Takano  Senior Director, Hokkaido Sports Association
FY 2020 Business Outline

Holding of Board of Directors and Ordinary General Assembly Meetings

1. **1st Board of Directors meeting, FY 2020**
   It was deemed completed based on the documentation.
   Proceedings:
   ○ Approval of the FY 2019 business report and financial statements
   ○ Adoption of a resolution calling for an ordinary General Assembly meeting

2. **Ordinary General Assembly meeting, FY 2020**
   Date and time: June 23 (Tue.), 2020
   Place: Hotel Sapporo Garden Palace
   Proceedings:
   ○ Approval of the FY 2019 business report and financial statements
   ○ Approval of the FY 2020 business plan and budget
   ○ Appointment of directors

3. **2nd Board of Directors meeting, FY 2020**
   Date and time: June 23 (Tue.), 2020
   Place: Hotel Sapporo Garden Palace
   Proceedings:
   ○ Appointment of the president, vice presidents and senior director

4. **3rd Board of Directors meeting, FY 2020**
   Date and time: March 24 (Wed.), 2021
   Place: Hotel Polestar Sapporo
   Proceedings:
   ○ Approval of the FY 2021 business plan and budget
   ○ Approval of discretionary disposition regarding budget amendments
   ○ Approval of delegation of the position of advisor
Promotion of Multiculturalism Community Development

Development of Foreigner-Friendly Communities

1. Operation of the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center (This project was contracted by the Hokkaido Government.)

With the aim of realizing “Hokkaido chosen by foreigners as foreigner-friendly for work and living,” the center was established in August 2019 as a Multicultural General Information Consultation One-stop Center that played an active role as an overall desk in Hokkaido and provided foreigners with the necessary information and opportunities to have consultations on immigration procedures and various matters relating to living, including employment. The center staff consult foreign residents in Hokkaido on various matters of daily living, and in 2020 in particular, also on unemployment and benefit applications amid the COVID-19 pandemic, while information on the COVID-19 situation was updated from time to time.

○ System: 4 full-time staff (Director of the Center, Manager, Chief Counselor and Counselor [English])
  15 part-time staff (Multilingual Counselors [English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog])
○ Corresponding languages: 11 languages (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Thai, Indonesian, Tagalog, Russian, Burmese) *A telephone interpretation system has also been introduced.
○ Business hours: 9:00 – 12:00, 13:00 – 17:00 only on weekdays
○ URL: http://hiecc.or.jp/soudan
○ Corresponding social media: Facebook, WeChat, Skype, LINE
○ Numbers for consultations: consultants: 2,077, number of consultations: 2,358 cases

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(1) Holding remote consultation meetings
Consultation services were provided a total of 16 times in various subprefectures in Hokkaido to have consultations with foreigners.

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*The remote consultation meetings by mid-June and after December were canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.

Remote consultation meeting (Higashikawa Town)  Remote consultation meeting (Kushiro)

(2) Holding holiday consultation meetings
As a new initiative, a total of eight holiday consultation meetings were held for consultations with foreigners who are not available on weekdays.

1. December 12, (Sat.): 1 person
2. December 13, (Sun.): 0 person
3. January 16 (Sat.): 4 persons
4. January 17 (Sun.): 7 persons
5. February 20 (Sat.): 8 persons
6. February 21 (Sun.): 4 persons
7. March 20 (Sat.): 6 persons
8. March 21 (Sun.) 5 persons
2. Activities as the Multicultural Network Promotion Council

To take specific initiatives to promote the realization of multicultural symbiotic societies, HIECC built a network of international exchange organizations in Hokkaido and implemented various projects while working together and cooperating with the organizations.

(1) Implementation of an online multicultural network promotion meeting

An online meeting was held with affiliated organizations on cooperation with the implementation of projects related to multiculturalism to exchange information and ideas.

- March 2 (Tue.)

(2) Multiculturalism enlightenment project

HIECC held lectures at two sites in Hokkaido under the theme of environment building for foreigners to revitalize their communities and to contribute to community development as members of their communities.

Multiculturalism lecture: “Multiculturalism and community development – from the point of view of cross-cultural communication”

- Lecturer: Taro Tamura, Representative Director, Institute for Human Diversity Japan
- November 4 (Wed.), Kitahiroshima
  Participants: 59
- November 5 (Thu.), Kutchan Town
  Participants: 21

Lecture held in Kitahiroshima
Participants listening to the lecturer
(Kutchan Town)
3. Support projects for foreigners in times of disaster

(1) Hokkaido nuclear disaster prevention drill for foreign residents

HIECC was entrusted with part of the Hokkaido nuclear disaster prevention drill conducted by Hokkaido, and conducted a drill to promptly evacuate foreigners residing in Iwanai Town to outside the urgent protective action planning zone under the assumption of a nuclear accident.

- October 31 (Sat.), Iwanai Town
  Participants: 9 foreigners and many Japanese concerned

(2) Project of multilingual supporters in times of disaster in Hokkaido

1) Multilingual supporters in times of disaster in Hokkaido were recruited and registered to support foreigners in times of disaster.
   Number of registered supporters: 71 (64 the previous FY)

2) Hosting an online lecture

HIECC conducted online training on activities required of multilingual supporters in times of disaster in Hokkaido, as well as case studies of activities to be performed in the event of a disaster.

- Lecture: “Support for foreigners in the event of a disaster - based on matters that had to be taken into consideration in the COVID-19 pandemic”
- Lecturer: Taro Tamura, Representative Director, Institute for Human Diversity Japan
- February 28 (Sun.)
  Participants: 12
- March 13 (Sat.)
  Participants: 9

Online seminar attended by supporters from across Hokkaido
(3) Project of multilingual support of foreigners in times of disaster (commissioned by Hokkaido Government)
As the number of foreign residents who would not be able to communicate in Japanese in the event of an emergency, such as a disaster, is expected to increase, HIECC strengthened the available multilingual support basis in the event of a disaster and developed an environment where foreigners can live safely and securely.
- Preparation of reports providing information on foreign residents, the status of efforts by other prefectures and local governments in Hokkaido
- Arrangement of a support system including network building with local governments in various parts of Hokkaido
- Preparation of multilingual disaster prevention educational materials

4. Regional collaboration network project (regional multiculturalism meetings)
To promote collaboration between international exchange bodies in each region, HIECC held information exchange meetings on multiculturalism, international exchange activities and conditions for acceptance of foreigners.
- Asahikawa, November 12 (Thu.), Participants: 18
- Across Hokkaido (online), February 26 (Fri.), Participants: 61
- Across Hokkaido (online), March 4 (Thu.), Participants: 65

5. Hokkaido Multicultural Award commendation program
With the aim of creating a society in which foreign residents in Hokkaido can contribute to regional development and revitalization, HIECC commended organizations that had been engaged in outstanding activities in various fields, including personnel training, living environment improvement, disaster prevention, education and regional development.

Organizations selected for Excellence awards:
[Kushiro International Friendship Association (Kushiro)]
The group has contributed to the development of an environment where foreigners can live comfortably as a result of Japanese language support at exchange meetings held in each region, consultations with foreigners and other similar activities.
- Awards ceremony: March 18 (Thu.), hotel in Kushiro
Global human resource development for the future

Human resource development to connect with the world

1. Overseas training project (youth exchange project with Heilongjiang)
   Although teachers and students from Sapporo Otani University were scheduled to be dispatched to Heilongjiang, China for exchanges through music, the event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the project was conducted by means of video message exchanges.

   Performance by the students of Harbin University of Music
   Performance by the students of Sapporo Otani University

2. Project for High School Students to Build Bridges in the world
   (1) The Project for High School Students to Build Bridges in Asia was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
   (2) Youth Eco-Forum 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
   (3) Jeju Youth Forum 2020
      The forum hosted by Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, South Korea, a region in a friendship tie-up relation with Hokkaido to foster future global leaders with an international perspective and building a youth network was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was attended by Hokkaido high school students.
      - Period: November 27 (Fri.) – 29 (Sun.)
      - Participants: 4 high school students (a total of 151 students from 22 regions in 9 countries)
      - Sessions: 3 preliminary training sessions, 2 follow-up training sessions and a briefing session

   Online forum attended by high school students across the world
   High school students reporting what they have learned through the forum
3. Project to help increase the number of international students

To help increase the number of international students at each university in Hokkaido, HIECC conducted promotions aimed at related international organizations, universities and students.

- Operation of the promotion website “STUDY IN HOKKAIDO” (http://study-hokkaido.com)
- Publication and distribution of guidebooks for studying in Hokkaido
- Publication of e-mail newsletters to international students who had returned home and scholarship recipients

For international students who had returned home from Hokkaido, HIECC published the e-mail newsletter HIECC Newsletter to provide various kinds of information, such as the present situation in Hokkaido and employment, and to further promote an understanding of Hokkaido. (Issued three times a year)

4. Implementation of regional exchanges with international students

Foreign students interacted with residents by participating in local events and exchange activities to promote a better understanding of Hokkaido and disseminate information on the appeal of Hokkaido through social media, etc.

Hokkaido Foreign Student Exchanges in Iburi

- November 7 (Sat.) – 8 (Sun.) Shiraoi and Toyako towns
- International student participants: 21 (from 19 countries or regions)

Ainu patterns embroidery experience in Shiraoi Town

Commemorative photo with the Upopoy National Ainu Museum in the background
5. **International exchange support project for international students**

To help increase the number of international students, HIECC has provided grant aid for privately funded international students at universities in Hokkaido every year. In 2020, students suffering economic hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic were included in the target of the grant aid and 50,000 yen was provided to 180 international students.

6. **Human resource exchange promotion project with Viet Nam**

To promote economic exchanges between Hokkaido and Viet Nam, HIECC conducted various projects including human resource exchanges in collaboration with the Hokkaido Government.

(1) Exchange party for students from Viet Nam studying at universities in Hokkaido and companies in Hokkaido

   Holding an exchange party for students from Viet Nam studying at universities in Hokkaido and companies in Hokkaido commissioned by the Hokkaido Government.

   (Exhibition booths and online)
   - Date: February 19 (Fri.)
   - Place: Sapporo TV Tower
   - Participants: 35 students from Viet Nam (participants at booths: 20, online participants: 15), 10 companies in Hokkaido

(2) Participation in the economic human resource exchange promotion meeting with Viet Nam

   HIECC participated as a member in the meeting set up by the Hokkaido Government.
   (Held on paper)

7. **Registration of everyday goods for support of international students**

   HIECC asked Hokkaido residents to provide goods (PCs, electrical appliances, etc.) that are useful for daily living and studying that international students can use to support these students enrolled in universities in Hokkaido.

   Number of registered items in FY 2020: 12 (11 in FY 2019)
   - Handing over: 3 cases
Promotion of International Exchanges

Implementation of various exchange programs with other countries

1. Youth exchange program between Japan and China (repeat)
   Based on the “Heilongjiang-Hokkaido Youth Exchange Agreement” made and entered into by Heilongjiang, China and Hokkaido in 2008, exchanges were conducted under the theme of “music” following the exchanges implemented the previous fiscal year. Since no visits took place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HIECC exchanged video messages of performances and comments in cooperation with Harbin Music Academy and Sapporo Otani University.

2. Japan-South Korea exchange program
   Exchanges involving “mini volleyball,” a unique local sport based on its aging society, have been conducted under the agreement with Gyeongsangnam-do Athletic Association. In 2020, the program was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Grants-in-aid project for international exchanges
   HIECC provided grants-in-aid that were used by international exchange bodies in Hokkaido for exchange programs with various other regions in the world to develop the industrial economy and living conditions in Hokkaido.
   - Grants-in-aid record: 1 case, Hokkaido Russia Far East Exchange Program (host: executive committee), Grant amount: 300,000 yen
     *In addition, 1 case was declined and 5 cases were withdrawn (due to the COVID-19 pandemic, etc.)

4. Registration of international exchange volunteers
   HIECC has registered human resources who are actively engaged in exchange projects conducted by HIECC, municipalities in Hokkaido, exchange bodies, etc., and dispatch them when requested.
   - Number of registered volunteers: 36 (36 in FY 2019)

5. Hosting of international delegations in Hokkaido
   Although HIECC was scheduled to host a visiting group of descendants of emigrants from Hokkaido to Brazil (January 2021), the event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Support program for emigrants
To support the operation of associations representing people who had emigrated from Hokkaido abroad, HIECC provided grants-in-aid.

- Associação Hokkaido de Cultura e Assistência (Hokkaido Association of Culture and Assistance) (Brazil), Argentine Association of People from Hokkaido (Argentine), Paraguay Federation of Associations of People from Hokkaido (Paraguay), Sakhalin Association of People from Hokkaido (Russia), Hokkaido Overseas Emigrants Family Association (Japan)

7. Exchange programs in collaboration with other organizations
(1) Culture Night
Participation in the program was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) All Japan Chinese Speech Contest, Hokkaido Tournament (co-host with the Japan-China Friendship Association)
- November 1 (Sun.)
  Kaderu 2.7 in Sapporo

(3) Sapporo International Night (co-host with the Hokkaido Youth Foundation for Science and Culture)
This project was held as a place for international students from all over the world to give presentations to Japanese high school students on the history, culture, nature, society, educational circumstances, etc. of each country to promote mutual understanding.
- March 14 (Sun.), Keio Plaza Hotel
- Participants: 18 international students from 16 countries and 118 Japanese students

(4) International DAY program
To expand exchanges between Hokkaido and overseas sister/friendship tie-up regions, HIECC hosted culture introduction events relating to the relevant sister/friendship tie-up regions in collaboration with the Hokkaido Government on each date of commemoration of their friendship tie-up.
- Gyeongsangnam-do (South Gyeongsang Province), Korea: July 27 (Mon.), Domin Hall on the 1st floor of the Hokkaido Government Office Bldg.
- Heilongjiang, China (canceled)
- Chiang Mai, Thailand: February 25 (Thu.), 26 (Fri.), Books Kinokuniya
- Jointly implemented as the International Exchange Fair: March 8 (Mon.), 9 (Tue.), Sapporo station underground walkway
- Massachusetts and Hawaii, U.S.A. / Alberta, Canada
- Busan Metropolitan City and Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Korea / Sakhalin State, Russia

![Presentation by a student from Canada](image1)

![Greetings by the host](image2)
(5) Regular international exchange lectures (co-host with the Hokkaido International Women’s Association)

Lecturers from all over the world were invited to learn about different cultures including Japanese culture. This program was held for the purpose of deepening mutual understanding, broadening the international perspective and contributing to world peace and a prosperous international society through the lectures.

- **July 30 (Thu.)**  “South Korean home cooking using Hokkaido ingredients”  34 participants
- **September 17 (Thu.)**  “Sapporo- Novosibirsk, Russia 30th Twinning Anniversary Program – far but familiar Novosibirsk”  30 participants
- **November 9 (Mon.)**  “The Load of Unity in Diversity – India, the country of diversity and harmony”  17 participants
- **January 26 (Tue.)**  “What makes New Zealand special?”  24 participants
1. Participation in the training projects of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

HIECC was entrusted with partial training projects with JICA Hokkaido International Center (Sapporo), and coordinated curriculums and training courses with training implementation organizations. Since the training in Japan was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic this fiscal year, video training materials were created, and online remote training was conducted.

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<td>Jan. 11 – Feb. 18</td>
<td>Issue-specific training, “Road Maintenance Management (E)” – held online</td>
<td>14 trainees</td>
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<td>Issue-specific training, “Comprehensive Engineering on Water Supply Systems (B)” – Creation of video training materials only</td>
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<td>Issue-specific training, “Road Infrastructure Management System” – held online</td>
<td>4 trainees</td>
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ZOOM online training for the Road Maintenance Management (E) course

2. Hosting trainees from overseas

HIECC continued to provide technical training to two descendants of emigrants from Hokkaido living in South America (Argentina and Paraguay), who could not return to their homes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as technical trainees and hosts a new trainee from Brazil from this FY to provide technical training.

- Trainee: 1 (Brazil)
- Institutions for training: CHOWA GIKEN Corporation (development of an automatic conversation program, Chatbot, by utilizing AI)

*aThe scheduled hosting of trainees from Paraguay was canceled.

A trainee from Brazil making a speech at the completion ceremony.
3. Project to host international students who are descendants of former emigrants from Hokkaido abroad
To promote South America exchanges, HIECC hosted descendants of former emigrants from Hokkaido abroad as international students to support their education.
- Number of international students: 1 from Brazil
- University: Department of Electronics and Information Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Hokkai-Gakuen University (Development of IoT technology using drones)

Presentation on the research results

4. Publication of the “Deai” information magazine on international cooperation
To introduce international cooperation and developing countries as well as the programs and activities implemented by HIECC and other international exchange/cooperation organizations in Hokkaido, HIECC published the Deai information magazine on international cooperation. It was published two times during the year and released on the website (Vol. 88, 89).
Promotion of International Mutual Understanding

1. Convening a lecture on international understanding
   Although the delivery of lectures was planned to promote international understanding among members and Hokkaido residents following the general meeting, it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Convening northern regions seminars
   To learn the accumulated information of the industrial economy and living culture of northern countries and to exchange information on community development, HIECC held a series of three online seminars this fiscal year taking prevention of the spread of COVID-19 into consideration.
   (1) 1st Seminar: August 27 (Thu.), Zoom online seminar, simultaneous release on YouTube
       • Theme: “Consider the measures against COVID-19 in Sweden”
         Lecturer: Kazuhiro Kawasaki, professor emeritus, Tokai University
       • Participants: approx. 60
       Sponsors: Hokkaido Sweden Society, Swedish Center Foundation, Hokkaido Finland Society
   (2) 2nd Seminar: December 12 (Sat.), Zoom online seminar
       • Theme: “Learn tips about the new normal from the measures against COVID-19 in Sweden”
         1) “Measures against COVID-19 in Sweden”
            Lecturer: Ayako Miyakawa, doctor, Karolinska Institute
         2) “Measures for the clinical environment in Hokkaido during the COVID-19 pandemic”
            Lecturer: Satoshi Takahashi, Professor, Department of Infection Control and Laboratory Medicine, Sapporo Medical University
       • Participants: approx. 60
       Sponsors: Hokkaido Sweden Society, Swedish Center Foundation, Hokkaido Finland Society
   (3) 3rd Seminar: March 20 (Sat.), Zoom online seminar
       • Theme: “Consider the future of Hokkaido, the post-COVID-19 Future of Hokkaido in view of the lifestyle in Finland”
         Lecturer: Juha Saunavaara, Assistant Professor, Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center
         Yuko Shimomura, Vice President, Japan-Finland Society
         Laura Kopilow, Embassy of Finland in Tokyo
       • Participants: approx. 50
       Sponsors: Hokkaido Government, Embassy of Finland in Tokyo, Hokkaido Finland Society, Hokkaido Sweden Society, Swedish Center Foundation

3. North Pacific Region Advanced Research Project
   Online seminars were held by related domestic and foreign researchers on important themes related to politics, economy and diplomacy in Northeast Asia.
   (1) Seminar on the international situation (Japan-Russia Economic Seminar 2020), December 21 (Mon.), Zoom online seminar
       • Theme: “Expansion of COVID-19 and Russian economy - prospects for future Japan-Russia economic exchanges -”
         Lecturers: Shinichiro Tabata, Professor, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University
         Daisuke Saito, Manager of Moscow Office, Japan Association for Trade with Russia & NIS (ROTOBO)
         Tetsuya Urata, Manager of the Hokkaido Sakhalin Representative Office
       • Participants: approx. 70
       Co-hosts: Hokkaido Government, Russia Kyokutouken, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center of Hokkaido University (SRC)
   (2) The 9th “International symposium on the Northeast Asia situation in consideration of Hokkaido”
       March 15 (Mon.), Zoom online seminar
       • Theme: “From Trump to Biden - considering the Northeast Asia strategy of the United States”
         Lecturer: Mitsuhiro Mimura, Senior Research Fellow of the Economic Research
4. Consular Exchange Promotion Projects

Although the members of the Council of the Foreign Consular and Trade Offices in Hokkaido share information and cooperate to promote economic, educational and cultural exchanges between Hokkaido and other countries through various projects, all events, including the general meeting, International Week and school visit project, were canceled in 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

5. Hoppoken magazine, annual report, Hoppoken special edition

HIECC published this edition of its magazine with a timely international theme relating to Hokkaido and distributed it to members and international exchange bodies in and outside Hokkaido.

○ “Hoppoken” Vol. 188, published in September

○ “Hoppoken” Vol. 189, published in March
Hoppoken extra edition of the 2020 annual report
The Hoppoken extra edition jointly carried the annual report for FY 2020 to publish business reports, etc.

6. International information network system
Information on international exchanges and the like was collected and accumulated via the internet and widely disseminated. The businesses of HIECC and related organizations were announced and reported on-time on Facebook.

- Access number to the website: April – March, monthly average: 3,200
- URL: https://www.hiecc.or.jp/index.html

Top screen of the HIECC website
Top screen of Facebook of HIECC
In addition, due to the influence of the spread of COVID-19, a large monitor was prepared in the special conference room to hold an online conference, seminars, etc., to arrange an online conference system.

7. Research study and collection of resource materials
HIECC participated in various projects relating to economic exchanges to conduct studies and to collect information, and transmitted the study results in the Hoppoken magazine and its website.

1) “Investigation of the impact of the spread of COVID-19 on foreign human resources in Hokkaido”
In response to the spread of COVID-19, the impact of the situation on foreign human resources, including technical intern trainees and foreign students studying Japanese, was investigated as commissioned by JICA Hokkaido as an urgent follow-up survey of the “Survey on the Current Situation and Issues of Foreign Human Resources in Hokkaido” conducted by JICA Hokkaido in 2019.
- Survey period: April - July
- Survey target: technical intern training supervising organization, administrative agencies, companies, etc. (in Hokkaido)

2) “Domestic case study of economic exchanges with Siberia”
As commissioned by METI Hokkaido, HIECC investigated and analyzed mainly domestic cases of economic exchanges between local cities in Japan and Russia that can be used as a reference for the further expansion of economic exchanges between Hokkaido and Siberia, and widely released the results to companies in Hokkaido.
- Survey period: January - March
- Survey target: administrative agencies and companies, etc. that have experience of exchanges with Russia, companies, etc. (in and outside Hokkaido)
### International Sister/Friendship Partners with Municipalities in Hokkaido

**Municipality**
(1) Partner municipalities
(2) Country / Region
(3) Affiliated year
(4) Type of partnership
(As of April 1, 2020)

#### Sapporo
(1) Portland
(2) U.S.A. / Oregon
(3) November 17, 1959
(4) Sister city

(1) Munich
(2) Germany / Bayern
(3) August 28, 1972
(4) Sister city

(1) Shenyang
(2) China / Liaoning
(3) November 18, 1980
(4) Friendship city

(1) Novosibirsk
(2) Russia / Novosibirsk State
(3) June 13, 1990
(4) Sister city

(1) Daejeon
(2) Korea
(3) October 22, 2010
(4) Sister city

#### Hakodate
(1) Halifax
(2) Canada / Nova Scotia
(3) November 25, 1982
(4) Sister city

(1) Vladivostok
(2) Russia / Primorsky Region
(3) July 28, 1992
Lake Macquarie
Australia / New South Wales
July 31, 1992
Sister city

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
Russia / Sakhalin State
September 27, 1997
Sister city

Tianjin
China
October 18, 2001
Friendship exchange city

Goyang
Korea / Gyeonggi-do
August 1, 2011
Sister city

**Otaru**

Nakhodka
Russia
September 12, 1966
Sister city

Dunedin
New Zealand
July 25, 1980
Sister city

Gangseo-gu, Seoul
Korea
July 22, 2010
Sister city

**Asahikawa**

Bloomington
U.S.A / Illinois
October 11, 1962
Sister city
Normal
U.S.A / Illinois
July 7, 1987
Sister city

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
Russia / Sakhalin State
November 10, 1967
Friendship city

Suwon
Korea / Gyeonggi-do
October 17, 1989
Sister city

Harbin
China / Heilongjiang
November 21, 1995
Friendship city

Muroran
Knoxville
U.S.A / Tennessee
January 16, 1991
Sister city

Rizhao
China / Shandong
July 26, 2002
Friendship city

Kushiro
Burnaby
Canada / British Columbia
September 9, 1965
Sister city

Kholmsk
Russia / Sakhalin State
August 27, 1975
Sister city
Obihiro
(1) Seward
(2) U.S.A / Alaska
(3) March 27, 1968
(4) Sister city

(1) Chaoyang
(2) China / Liaoning
(3) November 17, 2000
(4) Friendship city

(1) Madison
(2) U.S.A / Wisconsin
(3) October 25, 2006
(4) Sister city

Kitami
(1) Elizabeth
(2) U.S.A / New Jersey
(3) June 12, 1969
(4) Sister city

(1) Poronaysk
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) August 13, 1972
(4) Friendship city

(1) Jinju
(2) Korea / Gyeongsangnam-do
(3) May 16, 1985
(4) Sister city

(1) Barrhead
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) July 4, 1991
(4) Sister city

Yubari
(1) Fushun
(2) China / Liaoning
(3) April 19, 1982
(4) Friendship city
Iwamizawa
(1) Pocatello
(2) U.S.A / Idaho
(3) May 20, 1985
(4) Sister city

Abashiri
(1) Port Alberni
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) February 9, 1986
(4) Sister city

Canby
(1) Canby
(2) U.S.A / Oregon
(3) July 19, 1989
(4) Sister city

Abashiri
(1) Port Alberni
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) February 9, 1986
(4) Sister city

(1) Nam-gu, Ulsan
(2) Korea
(3) April 27, 2012
(4) Friendship exchanges

Rumoi
(1) Ulan Ude
(2) Russia / Buryat
(3) July 5, 1972
(4) Sister city

Tomakomai
(1) Napier
(2) New Zealand
(3) April 22, 1980
(4) Sister city

Qinhuangdao
(1) Qinhuangdao
(2) China / Hebei
(3) September 1, 1998
(4) Friendship city

Wakkanai
(1) Nevelsk
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) September 8, 1972
(4) Friendship city
(1) Baguio  
(2) Philippines  
(3) March 20, 1973  
(4) Sister city

(1) Korsakov  
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State  
(3) July 2, 1991  
(4) Friendship city

(1) Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk  
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State  
(3) September 9, 2001  
(4) Friendship city

Ashibetsu  
(1) Charlottetown  
(2) Canada / Prince Edward Island  
(3) July 1, 1993  
(4) Sister city

Ebetsu  
(1) Gresham  
(2) U.S.A / Oregon  
(3) May 20, 1977  
(4) Sister city

Akabira  
(1) Samcheok  
(2) Korea / Gangwon-do  
(3) July 18, 1997  
(4) Friendship city

(1) Miluo  
(2) China/ Hunan  
(3) September 30, 1999  
(4) Friendship city

Mombetsu  
(1) Newport  
(2) U.S.A / Oregon  
(3) April 8, 1966  
(4) Sister city
(1) Korsakov
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) January 12, 1991
(4) Sister city

(1) Fairbanks
(2) U.S.A / Alaska
(3) February 8, 1991
(4) Sister city

Shibetsu
(1) Goulburn Mulwaree
(2) Australia / New South Wales
(3) July 3, 1999
(4) Sister city

Nayoro
(1) Kawartha Lakes
(2) Canada / Ontario
(3) August 1, 1969
(4) Sister city

(1) Dolinsk
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) March 25, 1991
(4) Friendship city

Nemuro
(1) Sitka
(2) U.S.A / Alaska
(3) December 19, 1975
(4) Sister city

(1) Severokurilisk
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) January 27, 1994
(4) Sister city

Chitose
(1) Anchorage
(2) U.S.A / Alaska
(3) April 21, 1969
(4) Sister city
(1) Kongsberg  
(2) Norway / Buskerud  
(3) August 31, 1988  
(4) Friendship city

(1) Changchun  
(2) China / Jilin  
(3) October 11, 2004  
(4) Friendship city

**Takikawa**  
(1) Springfield  
(2) U.S.A / Massachusetts  
(3) August 7, 1993  
(4) Sister city

**Fukagawa**  
(1) Abbotsford  
(2) Canada / British Columbia  
(3) September 14, 1998  
(4) Sister city

**Furano**  
(1) Schladming  
(2) Austria / Steiermark  
(3) February 23, 1977  
(4) Friendship city

**Noboribetsu**  
(1) Saipan  
(2) U.S.A  
(3) November 20, 2006  
(4) Friendship city

(1) Faaborg-Midtfyn  
(2) Denmark  
(3) June 10, 2007  
(4) Friendship city

(1) Guangzhou  
(2) China / Guangdong  
(3) November 15, 2012  
(4) Friendship city
Eniwa
(1) Timaru
(2) New Zealand
(3) February 13, 2008
(4) Sister city

Date
(1) Lake Cowichan
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) October 6, 1989
(4) Sister city

(1) Zhangzhou
(2) China / Fujian
(3) April 7, 2010
(4) Friendship city

Ishikari
(1) Campbell River
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) October 24, 1983
(4) Sister city

(1) Vanino
(2) Russia / Khabarovsk Region
(3) June 3, 1993
(4) Sister city

(1) Pengzhou
(2) China / Sichuan
(3) October 24, 2000
(4) Sister city

Naie
(1) Hausjarvi
(2) Finland / Häme
(3) April 1, 1995
(4) Friendship city

Kamisunagawa
(1) Sparwood
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) September 23, 1980
Numata
(1) Port Hardy
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) September 3, 1994
(4) Sister city

Tobetsu
(1) Leksand
(2) Sweden / Dalarna
(3) October 5, 1987
(4) Sister city

Rankoshi
(1) Saalfelden
(2) Austria / Salzburg
(3) October 15, 1969
(4) Sister city

Kutchan
(1) St. Moritz
(2) Switzerland / Graubunden
(3) March 19, 1964
(4) Sister city

Shakotan
(1) Seaside
(2) U.S.A / Oregon
(3) May 17, 1966
(4) Sister city

Yoichi
(1) East Dunbartonshire
(2) United Kingdom / Scotland
(3) November 11, 1997
(4) Sister city

Sobetsu
(1) Kemijarvi
(2) Finland / Lapland
(3) May 22, 1993
(4) Friendship city
Shiraoi
(1) Quesnel
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) July 13, 1981
(4) Sister city

Shinhidaka
(1) Lexington
(2) U.S.A / Kentucky
(3) July 21, 1988
(4) Sister city

Nanae
(1) Concord
(2) U.S.A / Massachusetts
(3) November 15, 1997
(4) Sister city

Setana
(1) Hanford
(2) U.S.A. / California
(3) August 11, 1991
(4) Sister city

Takasu
(1) Gold Coast
(2) Australia / Queensland
(3) November 18, 1995
(4) Sister city

Kamikawa
(1) Rocky Mountain House
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) June 21, 1984
(4) Sister city

Higashikawa
(1) Canmore
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) July 12, 1989
(4) Sister city

(1) Rujiena
(2) Latvia
(3) July 17, 2008
(4) Sister city

(1) Aniva
(2) Russia
(3) September 18, 2019
(4) Sister city

**Kamifurano**
(1) Camrose
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) September 5, 1985
(4) Friendship city

**Shimukappu**
(1) Aspen
(2) U.S.A / Colorado
(3) August 29, 1991
(4) Sister city

**Kenbuchi**
(1) Palcamayo
(2) Peru / Junin
(3) July 6, 2011
(4) Sister city

(1) Tarma
(2) Peru / Junin
(3) September 28, 2015
(4) Sister city

**Shimokawa**
(1) Kenora
(2) Canada / Ontario
(3) February 16, 2001
(4) Friendship city

**Bifuka**
(1) Ashcroft
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) July 23, 1994
(4) Friendship city
Embetsu
(1) Castlegar
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) June 21, 1989
(4) Sister city

Teshio
(1) Homer
(2) U.S.A / Alaska
(3) April 7, 1984
(4) Sister city

Tomary
(1) Tomary
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) July 28, 1992
(4) Friendship city

Sarufutsu
(1) Ozersky
(2) Russia / Sakhalin State
(3) December 25, 1990
(4) Sister village

Esashi
(1) Solleftea
(2) Sweden / Vasternorrland
(3) November 4, 1996
(4) Sister city

Bihoro
(1) Cambridge
(2) New Zealand / Waipa
(3) October 12, 1997
(4) Sister city

Tsubetsu
(1) Ershui Township
(2) Taiwan
(3) October 8, 2012
(4) Friendship city

Kiyosato
(1) Motueka
(2) New Zealand / Tasman
(3) September 7, 1997
(4) Friendship city

**Saroma**
(1) Palmer
(2) U.S.A / Alaska
(3) October 28, 1980
(4) Sister city

**Engaru**
(1) Bastos
(2) Brazil / São Paulo
(3) October 18, 1972
(4) Sister city

(1) Moirans-en-Montagne
(2) France / Jura
(3) May 22, 1998
(4) Sister city

**Yubetsu**
(1) Whitecourt
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) July 17, 1998
(4) Friendship city

(1) Selwyn
(2) New Zealand
(3) July 14, 2000
(4) Friendship city

**Okoppe**
(1) Stettler
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) June 26, 1990
(4) Sister city

**Shikaoi**
(1) Stony Plain
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) August 26, 1985
(4) Sister city
Memuro
(1) Tracy
(2) U.S.A / California
(3) August 5, 1989
(4) Sister city

Taiki
(1) Dashu, Kaohsiung
(2) Taiwan / Changhua
(3) September 1, 2015
(4) Friendship exchanges

Hiroo
(1) Frogn
(2) Norway / Akershus
(3) October 22, 1996
(4) Friendship exchanges

Ikeda
(1) Penticton
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) May 19, 1977
(4) Sister city

Toyokoro
(1) Summerland
(2) Canada / British Columbia
(3) June 11, 1996
(4) Sister city

Hombetsu
(1) Mitchell
(2) Australia / Victoria
(3) September 15, 1991
(4) Sister city

Ashoro
(1) Wetaskiwin
(2) Canada / Alberta
(3) September 15, 1990
(4) Sister city

Rikubetsu
(1) Lacombe
Akkeshi
(1) Clarence
(2) Australia / Tasmania
(3) February 9, 1982
(4) Sister city

Teshikaga
(1) Shangqiu
(2) China / Henan
(3) September 17, 2005
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Bincheng, Binzhou
(2) China / Shandong
(3) October 21, 2005
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Sishui
(2) China / Shandong
(3) October 21, 2005
(4) Friendship exchanges

Shiranuka
(1) Wulai, New Taipei City
(2) Taiwan
(3) July 14, 2017
(4) Friendship exchanges

Betsukai
(1) Wasserburg
(2) Germany / Bayern
(3) May 10, 1979
(4) Sister city

Reference

Hokkaido
(1) Alberta
(2) Canada
(3) October 17, 1980
(4) Sister city partnership
(1) Heilongjiang
(2) China
(3) June 13, 1986
(4) Friend city partnership

(1) Massachusetts
(2) U.S.A
(3) February 7, 1990
(4) Sister city

(1) Sakhalin State
(2) Russia
(3) November 22, 1998
(4) Sister city partnership

(1) Busan
(2) Korea
(3) December 14, 2005
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Gyeongsangnam-do
(2) Korea
(3) June 7, 2006
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Seoul
(2) Korea
(3) October 15, 2010
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Chiang Mai
(2) Thailand
(3) February 26, 2013
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
(2) Korea
(3) January 12, 2016
(4) Friendship exchanges

(1) Hawaii
(2) U.S.A
(3) May 8, 2017
(4) Friendship exchanges
Consulates

(1) Name
(2) Address
(3) Tel
(4) Establishment

(1) Consulate-General of the United States of America in Sapporo
(2) Kita 1-jo Nishi 28-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 064-0821 Japan
http://sapporo.usconsulate.gov/
(3) +81-11-641-1115, +81-11-641-1116, +81-11-641-1117
(4) June 1952

(1) Consulate-General of the Republic of Korea in Sapporo
(2) Kita 2-jo Nishi 12-chome 1-3, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-0002 Japan
http://jpn-sapporo.mofat.go.kr/kor
(3) +81-11-218-0288
(4) June 1966

(1) Consulate-General of the Russian Federation in Sapporo
(2) Minami 14-jo Nishi 12-chome 2-5, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 064-0914 Japan
http://www1.odn.ne.jp/ruscons_sapporo/
(3) +81-11-561-3171, +81-11-561-3172
(4) Oct. 1967

(1) Office of the Consulate-General of the Russian Federation in Hakodate
(2) Motomachi 14-1, Hakodate 040-0054 Japan
(3) +81-138-24-8201
(4) Sept. 2003

(1) Consulate-General of the People’s Republic of China in Sapporo
(2) Minami 13-jo Nishi 23-chome 5-1, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 064-0913 Japan
http://www.chn-consulate-sapporo.or.jp
(3) +81-11-563-5563
(4) Sept. 1980

(1) Government of Canada Trade Commissioner Service
(2) MMS Sapporo Ekimae Bldg. 5F, Kita 4-jo Nishi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-0004 Japan
http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/
(3) +81-11-281-6565
(4) Dec. 2005
Honorary Consulates

(1) Name
(2) Address
(3) Representative
(4) Establishment

(1) Honorary Consulate of Finland in Sapporo
(2) c/o Arcs Co., Ltd., Minami 13-jo Nishi 11-chome 2-32, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 064-8610 Japan
Tel: +81-11-530-6012
(3) Honorary Consul: Mr. YOKOYAMA Kiyoshi
(4) Aug. 1973

(1) Honorary Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sapporo
(2) c/o Hokkaido Headquarters of Sapporo Breweries Limited, Frontier Kan, Sapporo Factory, Kita 1-jo Higashi 4-chome 8-1, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-8606 Japan
Tel: +81-11-251-4174
(3) Honorary Consul: Mr. ONODERA Tetsuya
(4) May 1980

(1) Honorary Consulate of the Republic of the Philippines in Sapporo
(2) Hachiken 1-jo Nishi 1-chome 2-10, Nishi-ku, Sapporo, 063-0841 Japan
Tel: +81-11-614-8090
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